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REMARKS

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1. Between 30 October and 14 November 1950, the Luftnachrichten Schule, Halle (L 52/D 92), was occupied by an unknown number of troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. All buildings of the installation seemed to be only lightly occupied by troops wearing artillery insignia, with the exception of one section of four buildings south of the road which runs along the northwestern side of the installation. This section was more heavily occupied, by troops without branch-of-service insignia. Local residents said that the soldiers in the more heavily occupied barracks section were recruits who were restricted to quarters. No training activity was observed. The daily duty hours usually ended at 4 p.m. Motor

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2. Local residents stated that the Flak Kaserne, Voermlitz, has been more strongly occupied since the middle of October. Trucks [redacted] were repeatedly seen in traffic between the installation and the Luftnachrichten Kaserne. Fuel trucks [redacted] 25X1C and the Luftnachrichten Kaserne. Fuel trucks [redacted] 25X1C were also observed at the Flak Kaserne. Bus [redacted] was used daily by officers commuting to the city of Halle. Sedan [redacted] though stationed in the Luftnachrichten Schule, was frequently seen discharging high-ranking officers, including lieutenant colonels, at the Flak Kaserne. (2)

3. A Soviet radio station with one high mast was being established in a house on a hilltop near Morl, which is located 4 or 5 km north of Halle, on the road to Aschersleben.

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4. On 10 November, the Luftnachrichten Schule was occupied by about 2,500 troops. Most of the soldiers observed there wore red-bordered black epaulets and some black-bordered red epaulets. Tank truck [redacted] 25X1C was observed at the fuel dump of the installation. JS Tanks [redacted] and [redacted] and SP guns [redacted] were used for the training of

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drivers. Three new trucks, 2 AT guns and a light armored reconnaissance car were seen in an emergency garage in the billeting area.

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[REDACTED] two envelopes addressed to soldiers of Unit [REDACTED] and postmarked 11 and 26 October 1950 respectively, were found at the Luftnachrichten Schule. (3)

5. The troops quartered in the Flak Kaserne, Woermlitz, on 10 November were estimated at about 2,500 men. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. There was an unusually large number of young officers wearing tank insignia. Small groups of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at field training in the area south of the Saale River. Among them were soldiers with closely cropped hair, apparently recruits.

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6. Three light AA guns were emplaced about 100 meters southeast of the southern tip of the Flak Kaserne area. Only the muzzles of the AA guns projected above the embankments around the emplacement.

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7. All buildings of the Kluever Kaserne on Dossauerstrasse, including the former Finance Ministry building on Matthias Claudiusstrasse, were being restored. The finance ministry, accommodated to date in the outer buildings of the barracks installation, was moved to Horzeburg. Three garages in the billeting area were separately fenced in and apparently occupied by Soviet military vehicles. The Kluever Kaserne was guarded by a Volkspolizei detail on 10 November. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) The Luftnachrichten Schule, Halle, is primarily occupied by elements of the 21st Gds Mecc Div. The information on the occupation of the installation in early November [REDACTED] seems correct. Troops totaling 2,500 corresponds with [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] there in early 1950. [REDACTED] It is therefore believed that the Luftnachrichten Schule is again occupied to capacity by elements of the 21st Gds Mecc Div, whose units returned to the post from troop training grounds in mid-October. [REDACTED] 25X1X

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[REDACTED] For sketch of the Luftnachrichten Schule, see Annex 1.

- (2) The Flak Kaserne, Woermlitz, was also occupied to capacity by elements of the 21st Gds Mecc Div in early November. [REDACTED] 25X1X

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[REDACTED] 25X1A The young officers seen in the installation are believed to have been officer replacements who arrived recently from the U.S.S.R.

[REDACTED] For sketch of the Flak Kaserne, see Annex 2.

- (3) [REDACTED] confirms the unidentified Gds Mtrcl Bn, possibly the 11th, of the 21st Gds Mecc Div in Halle until 26 October.

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- (4) The Kluever Kaserne was previously reported to be occupied by some small supply and maintenance units of the GDRG and PCC. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] stated on 2 November that there were indications of a forthcoming change in the occupation of the installation. [REDACTED]

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3 Annexes: two sketches on ditto

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